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4. FURTHER IN OUR TALK, HUSSEIN READ TO ME IN A RUNNING TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC MOST OF A RECENT SADAT LETTER TO HIM (SEPTTEL) REPORTING ON ROY ATHERTON'S TALKS. HE REMARKED POINTEDLY THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME HE HAD HEARD FIRST FROM THE EGYPTIANS ON U.S. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA. HE ASKED ME FOR A REPORT ON THE ATHERTON VISIT AND IT OLD HIM THAT I WOULD GET ONE FOR HIM.

5. REGARDING WASHINGTON MILITARY MEETINGS, I SAID THAT THE TWO DATES (MAY 23-26 AND JUNE 18-26) WERE STILL OPEN. HE THEN ASKED WHETHER POSTPONEMENT OF HIS VISIT ON TOP OF THE POSTPONEMENT TWICE OF THE MILITARY MEETINGS WAS DESIGNED TO SEND HIM SOME SORT OF A SIGNAL. I SAID WE COULD TALK DIRECTLY TO HIM AND DID NOT NEED TO SEND SIGNALS. I THEN SUGGESTED WE GO AHEAD WITH THE MILITARY MEETINGS. THERE WERE THINGS TO BE CLEARED UP AND A FURTHER POSTPONEMENT DID NOT MAKE SENSE. I ALSO PUT IN A PLUG FOR THE JUNE 18TH DATE. HE SAID THAT HE MIGHT SEND MAJ GEN MAJALI, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS, IN LIEU OF BIN SHAKER. I URGED THE LATTER AS A MORE EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIVE OF JORDAN, BUT SAID WE SHOULD HAVE THE MEETING AT THE LOWER LEVEL IF THAT SEEMED TO HIM THE RIGHT THING TO DO. HE SAID HE WILL TALK IT OVER WITH BIN SHAKER AND LET US KNOW.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: I BELIEVE THAT THREE THINGS WILL BE HELPFUL. HUSSEIN IS FEELING VERY LEFT OUT AND IGNORED AT THE MOMENT. I NEED (A) AUTHORITY TO USE MY PROPOSED TALKING POINTS ON HIS WASHINGTON VISIT WITH HIM, RECAST IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE AND WASHINGTON CONSIDERATIONS;

(B) A REPORT ON ATHERTON'S MEETINGS WITH SADAT IN
LIGHT OF SADAT'S LETTER TO HUSSEIN (SEPTTEL), AND
HUSSEIN'S REQUEST; (C) SOME REPORT ON THE DAYAN
MEETINGS SINCE A GOOD DEAL OF INFORMATION IS NOW
APPEARING IN THE PRESS. PLEASE ALSO RECONFIRM JMC AT
LEVEL OF CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS CAN BE WORKED
OUT. AT THIS POINT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CARE AND ATTENTION
WITH HUSSEIN WILL HELP TO SUBSTITUTE FOR WHAT WE ARE
CLEARLY NOW NOT ABLE TO DO--A WASHINGTON VISIT.
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